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SUBJ: SHORTAGE IN CASHIER ACCOUNTS

FOLLOWING TEL SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO PARIS ABIDJAN FROM ACCRA
MAY 27TH REPEATED FOR YOUR NFO

QUOTE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE ACCRA 4044

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EO 11652: NA
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SUBJ: SHORTAGES IN CASHIE
ACCOUNTS

REF: ACCRA 3126

1. RBFO VERIFIED PC CASHIER ACCOUNTS ON 28 APR 77 AND
FOUND THEM TO BE IN BALANCE. HOWEVER, HE QUESTIONED THREE
VOUCHERS BEING HELD BY PRINCIPAL CASHIER NKANSAH AND, UPON
FURTHER INVESTIGATION, RBFO DETERMINED THAT THESE VOUCHERS
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HAD BEEN PAID BY RFC AND CERTIFIED A CASHIER SHORTAGE OF
CEDIS 271.55. IMI 271.55. WHEN CONFRONTED WITH THIS
EVIDENCE CASHIER, CEPHAS NKANSAH, ADMITTED HE HAD PLACED
PAID VOUCHERS IN ACCOUNTS TO COVER HIS BORROWINGS. UPON
CONDITION CASHIER REPAY SHORTAGES PEACE CORPS ACCEPTED
NKANSAH'S RESIGNATION EFFECTIVE 23 MAY 77. CONSIDER CASE
CLOSED AND NO RPT NO RELIEF NECESSARY.

2. RSO CONDUCTED INVESTIGATION ON 9-12 MAY 77 AND
DEVELOPED ONE NEW LEAD BEARING ON STATE CASHIER SHORTAGE:

ALLEGATION THAT BENJAMIN AGYARKO PURCHASED TAXI CAB RECENTLY. THIS LEAD FOLLOWED UP BY PSO AFTER RSO DEPARTURE AND CAN CONFIRM THAT AGYARKO BOUGHT IN MARCH, 1977, WHICH WAS REGISTERED IN NAME OF BENJAMIN ASAMOA AGYARKO, JR., ON 5 APRIL 77 (THE DAY BEFORE RBFO REQUESTED AGYARKO TURN HIS ADVANCE OVER TO PRINCIPAL CASHIER). ON 4 AND 5 MAY, WHEN INTERVIEWED BY PSO WITH WITNESSES, AGYARKO DENIED HAVING PURCHASED HOUSE, CAR, OR MAJOR APPLIANCE RECENTLY. AGYARKO CONFRONTED WITH THIS DATA ON 26 MAY 77 BY ADMINOFF, IN THE PRESENCE OF WITNESSES AND POLICE, AND FORMER CLAIMED HE HAD PURCHASED CAR FOR HIS BROTHER, BENJAMIN ASAMOA AGYARKO, JR., WHICH WAS DIFFERENT FROM HIS NAME AS REFLECTED IN EMBASSY RECORDS: BENJAMIN KWABENA AGYARKO. (POST RECORDS, DSP-335, DO NOT RPT NOT REFLECT NAME, BENJAMIN ASAMOA AGYARKO, JR, AS BEING A BROTHER OF BENJAMIN KWABENA AGYARKO). ADMINOFF REQUESTED POLICE INVESTIGATE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING SHORTAGE, INCLUDING SOURCE OF FUNDS FOR PURCHASE OF CAR, AND INFORED AGYARKO HE WAS TERMINATED, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, FOR CAUSE; TO WIT, HIS INABILITY TO SATISFACTORILY ACCOUNT FOR CEDIS 4500 ENTRUSTED TO HIM AS SUB-CASHIER. PERSONNEL ACTION DATED 26 MAY 77. AGYARKO IN POLICE CUSTODY.

3. OUR FINAL DETERMINATION ON BERNARD ABOTSI, PRINCIPAL
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CASHIER, IS THAT HE IS GUILTY OF EXTREME CARELESSNESS IN HANDLING HIS ACCOUNTS AND HAS A CASH SHORTAGE OF CEDIS 70.50 IMI 70.50. UNLESS DEPT. ADVISES POST OF OBJECTION, POST PLANS REINSTATE MR. ABOTSI EFFECTIVE 2 JUN 7K0OD S WE ARE CORRECT, IMPROVEMENT OF US-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS MAY BE A CONTRIBUTING (ALTHOUGH PROBABLY NOT A PRIMARY) FACTOR. IN THE PAST OSCILLATIONS IN YUGOSLAVIA'S TIES WITH ONE OF THE SUPERPOWERS HAS BEEN FOLLOWED IN SAME PERIOD BY ROUGHLY OPPOSITE OSCILLATIONS IN ITS RELATIONS WITH THE OTHER. HOWEVER, TITO MAY BE SEEKING TO BALANCE THE US-YUGOSLAV AND SINO-YUGOSLAV WARMING TRENDS WITH CONCILIATORY MOVES TOWARD THE SOVIETS.

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